Under-Age

Drinking Willing to Pay the Price?

A true story about a young lance corporal's choice that set back his career.



"The Road Ahead"

The "Road Ahead" policy letter from Brigadier General Duane Thiessen, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, says that any reportable incident, on or off duty (e.g. heat-related injury, alcohol, liberty, personal misconduct, etc.), will result in an immediate review to assess accountability of individuals.

This is how the story goes . . .



1 fifth of Captain Morgan - \$15

Results of NJP for under-age drinking



- Reduction to PFC
- 60 days restriction
- ½ month pay for two months with ¾ of that pay suspended



Monthly cost of losing a stripe

2005 Monthly Pay Scale

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Base pay for LCPL $1,456.20 Base pay for PFC $1,384.50
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TOTAL LOSS \$71.70 per month

Time it takes to make up stripe

8 MONTHS TO BE PROMOTED TO LANCE CORPORAL AGAIN



8 months x \$71.70 = **\$573.60 in base pay lost**

Time to CPL before NJP

- He had one month to go before being eligible for corporal.
- In his MOS he could have picked up corporal on 1 Feb 2005. He would have earned a base pay of \$1,695.60. Instead he got PFC base pay of \$1,384.50.
- It will take him 17 months to be eligible for corporal again.
- This is an estimated loss of \$311.10 per month, had he been a corporal.

17 months x \$311.10 =

\$5,288.70 Estimated Promotion Earnings



NJP fine

- One half pay for two months, ¾ suspended.
- Base pay = \$1,384.50 / 2 = \$692.25 per mo.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ suspended fine = \$1,038.38

Total Fine Received = \$346.12



Other losses and punishment

- Sixty days restriction
- Lost MCMAP gray belt
- Leave cancelled
- Lost \$620.00 on plane ticket home
- Missed Christmas at home
- Family disappointed
- Loss of confidence from leadership
- Had to give a presentation



Total dollar amount lost

 Bottle of Captain Morgan 	\$15.00
• 8 months of LCPL base pay lost	\$573 . 60
 Estimated CPL earnings lost 	\$5,288.70
• NJP fine	\$346 . 12
• Plane ticket home	\$620.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED LOSS \$6,843.42



What he could have done with the money he lost

- Bought a car
- Bought a new ATV
- Invested in Ameritrade



- Gone on a cruise
- Bought a jet ski
- Paid off ¾ of truck payment
- Bought everyone in MALS a \$10 Christm
- Paid for entire family to visit



Positives

- Life-learning experience
- Learned to think about the whole outcome of something before acting by using the four principles of ORM:
 - Accept risk when benefits outweigh the cost.
 - Accept no unnecessary risks.
 - Anticipate and manage risk by planning.
 - Make risk decisions at the right level.



More lessons learned

Learned how to create a presentation.

 Learned that there are not too many things positive about under-age drinking.

Rum cost analysis before NJP

- 1 bottle = 750 ml
- 750 ml = 25 oz
- 25 oz = 25 shots per bottle

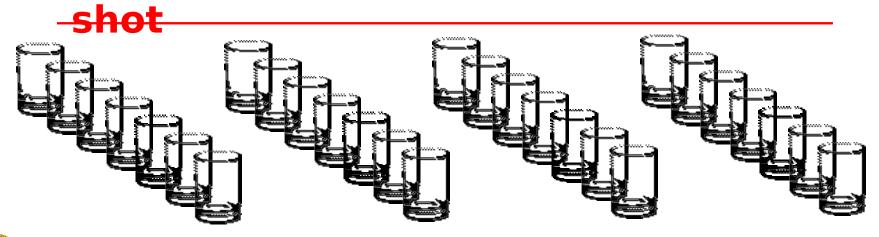
1 bottle @ \$15.00 = \$.60 per shot



Rum cost analysis after NJP

- 1 bottle = 750 ml
- 750 ml = 25 oz
- 25 oz = 25 shots per bottle

1 bottle @ \$6,843.42 = \$273.74 per





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DRINK RESPONSIBLY

